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Dear Interested Party:

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (MFWP) is proposing to renew the grazing lease for the Vandalia Wildlife Management Area (WMA) for 3 years, until September 15, 2016. The 310 acre property is located approximately 2.5 miles southeast of Hinsdale MT. Grazing would continue to be managed under the current rest-rotation grazing system. During this extension, a management plan for this WMA will be developed evaluating habitat conditions, role of livestock grazing, and management priorities for this area.

The Draft Environmental Assessment can be found on the on the FWP website at <http://fwp.mt.gov/news/publicNotices/>. A copy of the EA may also be obtained by contacting the FWP Glasgow Regional Office at 406-228-3700 or by emailing dhenry@mt.gov.

The comment period for this proposal will start March 11th, 2014 and run through 5:00 pm on March 31th, 2014.

Please send all written comments to the following address:

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks
Attn: Vandalia WMA Grazing Lease Extension
54078 Hwy 2 West
Glasgow, MT 59230

Comments can also be submitted online or emailed to: dhenry@mt.gov

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "T B FLOWERS". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Tom Flowers
Region 6 Supervisor
Montana, Fish Wildlife & Parks